REMARKS

New claims 35-39 have support in the specification. At paragraph 3, the specification states:

Examples of prepaid services that may be accommodated by the stored-value data include long distance telephone communication, wireless communication, paging and internet-enabled communication services, including wireless web access. Other examples of prepaid services and/or products that may be accommodated by the stored-value card include gift cards, prepaid gas cards, prepaid grocery cards, prepaid entertainment cards, downloadable ring tone cards, downloadable game cards, downloadable music cards that use MP3, MP4, WMV, WAV, or other music formats, any other downloadable software card, customer rewards cards, and any other type of stored-value cards for products, services, or both, that may be prepaid by the owner of the card.

This passage supports the specific stored-value card embodiments added in the new claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that no new matter is introduced in the filing of this supplemental preliminary amendment. Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-named application in view of the present amendments.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Hunton & Williams, Deposit Account Number 50-0206. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in connection with any questions or inquiries relating to the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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